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LETTER DATED 19 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that during the period 24 December 1992 to 10 January 1993 the Iranian side persisted in its violations of the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries.

1. At 1435 hours on 24 December 1992 a group of individuals from the Iranian side proceeded to build concealed positions and to install white markers in the hills at coordinates 514501 opposite the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

2. At 1330 hours on 29 December 1992, an Iranian excavator was observed inside the area of separation, opposite the Shihabi guard post, building an earth rampart opposite the Iranian post at coordinates 345446 and maintaining the road leading to the post.

3. At 1230 hours on 30 December 1992, six Iranian soldiers were observed opposite the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation at coordinates 514501 raising an Iranian flag.

4. At 1200 hours on 31 December 1992, the Iranian side pitched two tents inside the area of separation to the south of Chay Hammam at coordinates 515764.

5. At 1100 hours on 1 January 1993, two Iranian fishing launches approached a burnt-out ship in the Shatt al-Arab in the Iraqi Shahiniyah area, one carrying eight armed men with a metal cutter and the other carrying towing equipment. They tried to make openings in the ship in an attempt to tow it, and then closed the existing openings. There were also military units opposite the ship for the purpose of protecting those working on it. It is possible that they closed the openings in the ship in order to refloat it and tow it to the Iranian side.

6. At 1500 hours on 2 January 1993, the Iranian side manned an old, abandoned, post opposite the Hizam hills at coordinates 658267 inside the area of separation.

7. At 1600 hours on 6 January 1993, the Iranian side stationed two caravans 400 metres from the international boundary near the Khan al-Layl guard post at coordinates 545924 and transferred the men from the post to them.

8. At 1700 hours on 8 January 1993, six Iranian soldiers were observed building a hut of corrugated iron at coordinates 512512 opposite the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

9. At 0730 hours on 10 January 1993, an Iranian launch approached in the direction of the Iranian ship lying aground near the Iraqi shore in the Shahiniyah area. It left at 0745 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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